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DATE: JUNE 15, 1974

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF FANNI TRAVEL PLANE

REF: IN THIS BS, 01, JUNE 15, 74, UNCL, PREEZ, JUNE 15, 1974

ALI AMIN, WRITING IN HIS WEEKLY COLUMN IN AKHBAR AL-YAHM, REPORTED TODAY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FANNI WILL POSTPONE HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW BECAUSE OF EXPECTED VISITS IN JULY TO WEST GERMANY, ROMANIA, AND THE US. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT SOVIET PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV WILL POSTPONE WHAT WERE ALLEGED WAS A PLANNED VISIT TO CAIRO.

RUMORS OF A BREZHNEV TRIP TO CAIRO HAVE NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED. FANNI ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT HE WOULD GO TO MOSCOW "SOON" TO ARRANGE A SUMMIT, AND THE EGYPTIANS WILL EXPECT THAT ONE OF THE SOVIET TRIUMPHATE WILL COME TO CAIRO FOR THE MEETING. NO PLANS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT FOR THE SUMMIT, HOWEVER, AND, IN FACT, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT, IF THE SOVIETS DO AGREE TO DISPATCH

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A HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO EGYPT. THEIR CHOICE WOULD BE BRENNEN.

BOTH ALI ANIN AND HIS BROTHER MUSTAFA. IN AN EDITORIAL ALSO IN TODAY'S AKHBAR AL-YOMI, HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT NEITHER THE POSTPONEMENT OF EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN TRAVEL PLANS NOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO EGYPT SIGNIFIES A LESSENING OF THE DESIRE OF BOTH THE USSR AND EGYPT "TO OPEN A NEW PAGE IN THEIR RELATIONS." ALI NOTES THAT BOTH STILL DESIRE TO "REMOVE ALL OF THE OBSTACLES WHICH SUCH RELATIONS HAVE FACED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS." AND MUSTAFA COMMENTS THAT EGYPT HAS NOT BOUGHT NO FRIENDSHIP "BY SELLING OUT SOVIET FRIENDSHIP. BUT RATHER WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY MAINTAIN THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS."

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